

2019-2020

# DISTRICT

# Learning-at-Home and Summer Enrichment Plan

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**Updated per Executive Order 1476** 

DISTRICT NAME

Greenville Public School District



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# INTRODUCTION

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) is committed to providing essential technical guidance and support mechanisms to assist districts during the time of extended school building closure as a result of COVID-19. The MDE recognizes and appreciates that districts are taking different approaches depending on their local capacity and infrastructure during this building closure. The State Board of Education (SBE) has provided flexibility within existing laws and policies regarding instructional time, graduation requirements, attendance, assessment and accountability.

In accordance with Governor Tate Reeves' Executive Order 1476, school districts shall operate with essential personnel to offer distance learning or other instructional means necessary for students to achieve completion of grade-level essential instruction for the 2019-2020 academic school year. Additionally, school districts shall submit to the SBE plans for summer learning and enrichment measures necessary to (a) mitigate disruption from the Spring 2020 school closure due to COVID-19 and (b) to enhance learning in preparation for the 2020-21 academic school year. Per Executive Order 1476, summer learning and enrichment measures are to be provided to all students in all schools.

The District Learning-at-Home and Summer Enrichment Plan is designed to ensure districts are taking deliberate and thoughtful actions to facilitate and individualize continued student learning and progress monitoring during closure.

Taking a traditional school environment online is not a simple task – nor is it one that should be attempted without serious consideration of the practicality and risk.

The MDE is not directing districts that they must transition to delivery of all content online, as we recognize that online access and remote support for rural students and students with disabilities will certainly pose equity issues across the state. Districts need to consider how they can help facilitate continued learning within homes across the state – either through online opportunities, by making grade-level instructional packets, Family Guides for Student Success, or other resources available for pick-up at school or various locations within the district, or through a combination of delivery systems.

# **RESOURCES**

The MDE has compiled a variety of resources for districts to use during the extended school building closure, online at https://www.mdek12.org/covid19/districtresources. The materials and tools may be used to provide additional resources to parents or students. This information is only intended to be a general summary of information provided to the public. The MDE does not endorse or promote any commercial products or services. Please make sure that you choose the tool(s), resource(s) or material(s) that are developmentally appropriate and best fit the needs of your students, school, or district.

Resources have been divided into the following categories:

- **Internet Services**
- **Multiple Content Area Resources**
- Arts (Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts) Resources
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Resources
- **English Language Arts Resources**
- **Mathematics Resources**
- **Science Resources**
- **Social Studies Resources**
- **World Language Resources**
- **Counselor Resources**
- **English Learner Resources**
- **Intervention Resources**
- **Students with Special Needs Resources**
- **Virtual Learning Resources**

# DISTRICT LEARNING-AT-HOME AND SUMMER ENRICHMENT **PLAN** REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ Consider individual students' needs, grade-level expectations, and district capacity.
- ✓ Communicate with key stakeholders, including staff, parents, students, and other community partners.
- ✓ Submit completed plan, including **SECTION I**, to rhood@mdek12.org no later than **May** 15, 2020.

DISTRICT NAME	Greenville Public School District	
SECTION A	Instructional Delivery During School Building Closure	
Select all that apply. Note that Option C is a combination of Options A and B.		
☐ <b>Option A:</b> Distance/Virtual/e-Learning/Remote Method(s)		
Option B: Packets/Assignments (portfolio, project-based, etc.)		
Option C: Blended (combination of Option A and Method B)		
☐ <b>Option D</b> : Other (provide brief description):		
SECTION B	Instructional Content During School Building Closure	
Select all that apply. Note that Option C is a combination of Options A and B.		
Option A: MDE Resources		
Mississippi Online Course Approval (MOCA) Courses		
Learning-at-Home Resources for Districts		
Learning-at-Home Resources for Families		
☐ <b>Option B:</b> Individual District Developed/Hosted		
☐ District-developed online/hybrid content		
☐ District-selected online/hybrid content		
☐ District materia	make-and-take packets based on locally selected textbooks/instructional	
☐ Make-a	and-take packets from another district/vendor (provide brief description):	
ELA a	and Math Learning Packets from i-Ready	
Option C: Other		
☐ Combination of Option A and Option B		
☐ Other (provide brief description):		

#### SECTION C Final Course Grade Calculation for 2019-2020 School Year

Indicate which of the following methods the district is using to calculate student grades, as well as specific grade bands for each method (for example: K-2, K-8, 6-8, 9-12). **NOTE:** Grading policies are a local school district decision. This information is being collected per Executive Order 1476. Option A: Third nine-week grades as final grades/completion for the year Grade Band: Option B: Average first, second, and third nine-week grades with fourth nine-week assignments (digital, packets, blended, etc.) grade for End-of-Year Grade Grade Band: Option C: Final exam grade averaged with first, second, and third nine-week report card grades for End-of-Year Final Grade Grade Band: Option D: Credit by Examination" or "Credit by Advancement" through final exam or assignment to measure standards mastery Grade Band: Option E: Pass/Fail course grade Grade Band: **NOTE:** Districts should exercise caution regarding use of pass/fail grades for graduating seniors, as student eligibility for NCAA athletics may be impacted. More information is available through this NCAA FAQ document. Option F: Other (provide brief description): Average of 1st, 2nd and 3rd 9wks grades was used as the 4th 9wks grade. Students could earn an additional 5 or 10 points to be added to the 4th 9wks grade based on the completion of 4th 9wks assignments. The final grade was calculated based on the average of S1 and S2.

In accordance with Executive Order 1476, describe how the district will provide students with feedback/grades on assignments completed during the extended school building closure and during summer learning and enrichment programs.

Grade Band: 1-12

Greenville Public School District has provided students and parents with feedback on grades/assignments using traditional letter grades as well as assigning additional points from teachers. Teachers serve as our primary contact in making grading decisions regarding student performance. They are using several methods to inform students and parents such as: School Status, parent contact via phone calls, emails, active parent website etc. Additionally, teachers will provide weekly grades updates to

students and parents during our summer learning and enrichment programs using the aformentioned methods of contact. Decisions on final grades were made in collaboration with the school district leaders and teacher leaders based on student needs. The superintendent informed all stakeholders through media and all were aware of the grading expectations.
SECTION D Summer Learning and Enrichment
In accordance with Executive Order 1476, please indicate which of the following methods the district is using to offer summer learning, Extended School year (ESY) services, and enrichment to students. Note that ESY is not the same as summer learning.
Select all that apply. Note that Option C is a combination of Options A and B.
☐ <b>Option A:</b> Distance/Virtual/e-Learning/Remote Method(s)
☐ Option B: Packets/Assignments (portfolio, project-based, etc.)
Option C: Blended (combination of Option A and Method B)
Option D: Other (provide brief description):
On-site Learning for students who require extensive learning needs (2 days per week and praciticing social distancing per the CDC) and At home learning packets/zoom instruction (2 days per week) and praciting social distancing).

Briefly describe the district's summer learning, Extended School year (ESY) services, and enrichment programming (frequency, content areas, and duration, including days per week and number of weeks).

The Greenville Public School Distirct will provide summer learning and Extended School year (ESY) services to students for promotion, remediation, credit recovery, and PreK-K Transition. Services to support students with disabilities as it relates to loss of learning and therapeutic needs will be offered as well. A middle school math enrichment program will also be offered for grades 6-8. The target programs will be focused on ELA, Math and Credit Recovery courses. All programs will be offered June 1-25, 2020, 4 days a week (M-Th) for 4 hrs a day using one of three options listed below as we receive additional guidance from the Governor or local health agencies:

Option 1: On-Site- Face-to-Face

Option 2: Virtual - Distance Learning

Option 3: Blended - 2 days virtual instuction and 2 days on-site receiving one on one instruction with no more than 7-10 students in the classroom in an attempt to practice social distancing per the CDC

#### SECTION E **Communication and Participation**

In order to effectively serve all students within a district, communication is essential. Please note below how the district has communicated its Learning-at-Home and Summer Enrichment Plan with families.

Select all that apply.

Option A: Letters mailed to families

Option B: Emails to families

Option C: Social media posts

Option D: Text messages to families

Option E: Local print media

Option F: Other (provide brief description):

Use of the Sam Spectra Call out system and School Status notification platform

Briefly describe how the district will monitor participation by students during the extended building closure and summer enrichment programs.

The Greenville Public School district will monitor participation by students during the extended building closure and summer enrichment programs through our usage reports from program, resources and activities. Attendance will be captured per student participation in teleconference opportunities (i.e. Zoom, GoToMeeting, GoogleClassroom). Additionally, educators will provide calls to families to discuss needs and supports on a case by case basis.

#### SECTION F **Transcripts and Senior Transitions**

District supports for graduating seniors may look different during an extended school building closure. High schools must ensure students have the necessary documents to continue their academic pursuits or transition into the work force.

Briefly describe how the district will ensure students receive transcripts and final grades upon graduation.

A Google form survey was created for each counselor to distribute to their assigned students to obtain information for final transcript requests. Counselors are scheduled to report to their office to process these requests. Counselors also have scheduled zoom times each day to answer questions or concerns by parents and students in regards to any need. Grades are printed and emailed as requested. Students without technology access can arrange for paper copies to be mailed or picked up from a secured location at the high school. All final grades for 2020 graduates will be mailed to the validated address in the SAM Spectra system. Students without technology access will be allowed to pick up final grades at a designated time given by the high school counselor.

SECTION G

**Assurances for Continued Learning for All Students** 

☐ In accordance with Executive Order 1476, the school district is offering distance learning or other instructional means necessary for students to achieve completion of grade-level essential instruction for the 2019-2020 academic school year. Additionally, the school district is offering summer learning and enrichment measures necessary to (a) mitigate disruption from the Spring 2020 school closure due to COVID-19 and (b) to enhance learning in preparation for the 2020-21 academic school year.

# **SECTION H**

## **Assurances for Students with Disabilities**

It is clear the United States Department of Education (ED) does not want school districts to consider the provision of services to students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) as a barrier or a reason not to offer educational services to any of their students through distance instruction or otherwise.

- ☐ In compliance with COVID-19 guidance, the following assurances have been discussed and are included in planning efforts for students with disabilities, including students with 504 plans.
  - ✓ Assure that services are provided for all students with disabilities, including students with 504 plans, and maintain appropriate **documentation** to support all efforts;
  - ✓ Assure that services, materials, assignments, and instruction, are individualized and aligned to student IEP goals;
  - ✓ Assure that district plans address how progress or lack of progress will be collected and documented in anticipation of considering the need for ESY and/or compensatory services;
  - ✓ Assure that students with disabilities will not be excluded from participating in courses;
  - ✓ Comply with all state and federal regulations;
  - ✓ Ensure educators and administrators collaborate and utilize creative options to meet the individual needs of the students; and
  - ✓ Consider the impact of the district's final course grade calculation method selected in Section C as it relates to IEP review and development for each student. The most recent USDOE guidance can be found here.

**SECTION I** 

**Assurances for English Language Learners** 

- ☐ The district is working collaboratively to:
  - ✓ Provide effective two-way communication with families in a language that they understand.
  - ✓ Tailor instruction and assessments to students' English Language proficiency needs in all four language domains (Listening, Speaking, Reading, and Writing).

### **SECTION J District Certification of Assurances**

By providing a digital signature or typing my name below and submitting this document, I certify that the school district is providing continued learning experiences, including summer learning and enrichment measures, as outlined in this plan.

District Superintendent's Name Dr. Debra Dace Date 5/15/2020

SECTION K	MDE Approval
5/15/2020	Nathan Oakley (for Carey M. Wright)
Date Received	State Superintendent Acceptance